

DPS Chaparral



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Garland crime lab dedicated; other labs across the state expanding

The Public Safety Commission rang in the new year by dedicating the new Crime Laboratory in Garland, the first of several new crime labs to open as part of a major upgrade in crime lab infrastructure across the state.

The impressive Garland facility, which is 54,000 square feet, is nearly eight times larger than the old lab. The new four-story building is now a state-of-the-art, full-service crime lab, adding firearms and latent print analysis. The lab was built with funding provided by the Texas Legislature in 2005.



This is just the beginning, thanks to the Proposition 4 bond package approved by voters in 2007. By the end of the year, new DPS crime labs will be completed in Austin, Tyler, Houston and Corpus Christi, as well as a major expansion in Abilene. Construction will begin soon on new crime labs in El Paso, Weslaco and Lubbock.

The new crime lab facilities will triple the available work space statewide, enabling personnel added in recent Legislative sessions to be more productive, ultimately speeding up evidence processing times. It will also position DPS to handle projected growth in the coming years.

“Texas citizens and our law enforcement partners will reap the benefits of these expansions for years to come,” said DPS Director **Steven McCraw**.

Dear fellow employee,

The February issue will mark the end of the “Colonel’s column” in the Chaparral.

Although the Chaparral is an excellent communications tool, I prefer to communicate with each of you through email, which allows me to contact you more often than once a month.

Using email also allows me to use as much space as I need, instead of limiting me to a small piece of the newsletter.

As I said in my first message to you five months ago, I still want to hear from you. If you have ideas about how we can do things better, I want to hear them.

I look forward to a continued conversation with you.

Sincerely,

Steven C. McCraw

Briefs

Part of the DPS 75th celebration will include an Anniversary Yearbook. Photos of all personnel photographed will be in the book, and they may purchase a book and additional photos. The book will be a hardcover with approximately 464 color pages. Original hardcover will be \$39.47 or Leather Collection, personalized on front cover for \$61.12. This price does include tax, shipping and handling.

Lifetouch Photography will take photos across the state in February and March. Pre-sale deadline is May 1, 2010; prices will increase by \$5 after that date.

If you have a photo that you would like to be considered for the Yearbook, please submit a copy to **Lula Schuler**, General Services, 5805 North Lamar, Austin, Texas 78752 or e-mail to dps75photos@yahoo.com

Mile Markers

Promotions

CID

Steven D. McAdams, Lt., CID Conroe to Capt., CID Austin; **Scott G. Avant**, Lt., CID Laredo to Capt., CID Laredo; **John H. Landrum**, Lt., CID Corpus Christi to Capt., CID Corpus Christi;

HP

Steven G. Sullivan, Capt., CVE Houston to Major, HP Houston; **Bryan Rippee**, Lt., HP Midland to Capt., HP Hurst; **William G. Rash**, Sgt., CVE Lufkin to Lt., CVE Austin; **Pedro Amador, Jr.**, Sgt., HP Victoria to Lt., HP Del Rio; **David M. Alvarado**, Tr. II, CVE Humble to Sgt., CVE Laredo; **Juan Torres, Jr.**, Tr. II, CVE Laredo to Sgt., CVE Laredo.

Law Enforcement Support

Alfredo G. Leija, Operator, Comms. Bureau Ozona to Supervisor, Comms. Bureau Ozona; **Steven W. Boxwell, Jr.**, Operator, Comms. Bureau Corpus Christi to Supervisor, Comms. Bureau Corpus Christi.

Rangers

Jeffery D. Robertson, Lt., Rangers Corpus Christi to Capt., Rangers Austin; **Joseph P. Evans, II**, Sgt. HP Burnet to Texas Ranger, Rangers Waco; **Scott D. Stevenson**, Sgt., HP Sweetwater to Texas Rangers, Rangers Wichita Falls; **Ronald E. Pettigrew**, Agent, CID Denton to Texas Ranger, Rangers Garland;

Drew E. Pilkington, Agent, CID Beeville to Texas Ranger, Rangers Victoria; **Otis B. Locklar, Jr.**, Lt., CID Midland to Texas Ranger, Rangers Midland; **Michael D. Stoner**, Agent, DID Mineral Wells to Texas Ranger, Rangers Cleburne;

Kenneth Ray Parks, Agent, CID Beaumont to Texas Ranger, Rangers Beaumont; **Andres B. De La Garza**, Sgt., HP Crockett to Texas Rangers, Ranger Benham; **Jason A Bobo**, Agent, CID Hurst to Texas Ranger, Rangers Waxahachie;

Anthony A. David, Agent, CID Brownsville to Texas Ranger, Rangers Brownsville; **Bruce W. Jackson**, Agent, CID Van Horn to Texas Ranger, Rangers Van Horn.

Retirements

Charline Cecilia Boriskie, Tech., Accounting and Budget Control Austin, 22 yrs., 4 mos.; **Arlyn Harold Heathington**, Sgt., Aviation Alpine, 26 yrs., 20 days; **William Banks Thomas, IV**, Lt., HP Waco, 25 yrs., 22 days; **Gloria Jean Lester**, Tech., DL Wichita Falls, 19 yrs., 5 mos., 18 days; **Gary Donald Whitten**, Operator V, Law Enforcement

Support Division Sulphur Springs, 16 yrs., 1 mo.; **Robert Vielma Guerra**, Sen. Cpl., HP Laredo, 29 yrs., 6 mos., 20 days; **Thomas G. McKenzie**, Analyst, IT Austin, 13 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days; **Yolanda Razo Ordaz, Tech.**, DL Humble, 7 yrs., 1 mo., 6 days; **Linda Jo Andrews-Banks**, Clerk, DL Austin, 13 yrs., 8 mos., 12 days.

Deaths

Charles Daniel Stephenson, Tr. IV, HP Fredericksburg (May 1968 – September 1993) died December 18, 2009; **Verna Mae Harwood**, Admin. Tech. III, Personnel Austin (September 1961 – March 1990) died on December 22, 2009.



On the mend...

Tr. **Ruben R. Soliz**, HP Alice, injured during a struggle with a suspect.

Tr. **Bobby Bowlin**, HP Crockett, injured while working a traffic crash.

Tr. **Michael Box**, HP Magnolia, injured in a traffic crash.

Tr. **Richard Black**, DL Dallas, injured during a fugitive felony arrest.

Sgt. Inv. **Armando Lopez**, CID Hurst, shot during fugitive arrest.

Good news! Tr. **Jonathan Hunter**, HP Bryan, Tr. **Monty Posey**, HP Garland, and Tr. **Deon Cockrell**, HP San Antonio, have returned to work.